

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Gerolf Zimmermann et al.  
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Title: Method and Means for Determining Specific Conditions or Changes in the  
Uterine Epithelium and in the Epithelium of other Organs  
Examiner: Suchira Pande  
Art Unit: 1637

**Commissioner for Patents**

**Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

LETTER ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
RE REPLY PERIOD AND TIME EXTENSION FEE

In the advisory action the examiner has checked the box **1.a.** "The period for reply expires 3 months from the filing date of the final rejection."

This is incorrect. The response to the final rejection was filed 2/11/08 which is the Monday after the two-month response period ending 2/10/08. **MPEP 706.07(f) Time for Reply to Final Rejection** sets forth that:

"If the last day of "2 months of the date of the final Office action" **falls on Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday** within the District of Columbia, and a reply is **filed on the next succeeding day** which is not a Saturday, Sunday, or a Federal holiday, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.7(a), **the reply is deemed to have been filed within the 2 months period** and the shortened statutory period will expire at 3 months from the date of the final rejection **or on the mailing date of the advisory action, whichever is later.**"

The reply submitted on 2/11/08 thus has been timely filed within the 2 month period and the reply period therefore expires on the **mailing date of the advisory action** since this date is later than 3 month from mailing date of the final rejection. Therefore, the response mailed today requires only a **1 month time extension fee** vis-a-vis the **mailing date of the advisory action of March 18, 2008.**

Respectfully submitted on April 18, 2008,

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